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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION PURSUANT TO
37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Sir:

This is in reply to the final Office Action mailed on October 17, 2006, a response to which is due, without extension, no later than

January 17, 2007.

Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.

Proposed amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.